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## A GLANCE AFIELD.

In the whirligig of time man loves the changes. Nothing in this mundane sphere stands still. The rallying cry of the ages has been forward, and the great crises of human history have been met and passed with an absolute relish. Each year sees thousands of new inventions, new methods, and better ways of doing the things that are to be done. The faults and weaknesses of machinery, the imperfect method, the unskilled labor, and a thousand and one other things must be discarded and abandoned as we pass from one year into another. Those who have watched the mighty transformation that has been going on in this western country have seen a wonderful panorama. The relentless "man with a hoe" has steadily gotten in his work until the "wild and woolly west" has been transformed from a unsettled wilderness, the home of the wolf, and deer and the wild buffalo into the shady lane, the cozy farm house, the bustling village, the smart town, the throbbing restless city. The files of Indian territory newspapers show that a few short years ago the red handed outlaw held sway in the fastnesses of the thinly settled Indian territory. We can hardly realize that these great changes have come. They did not come as an earthquake nor as the cyclone but quietly and persistently until we find ourselves today amid the roar and din of busy commerce. The people of the Indian territory are glad that these changes have been accomplished. They are ready and eager for the new conditions. They want to try their metal under a settled, tangible government with all the privileges and opportunities it brings. In the wake of the land offices now being established in different parts of the Indian country will come the "little red school house," the small college and by and by the great university. The grey dawn of a splendid day is streaking the east. We are ready. Events cannot transpire so rapidly for the people of this territory. In the new year just dawning they want to be swept into the thickest of the fight. They are ready, Indian, white man and black man for all that is in store. The pleasure of the strenuous life is intense, and to live at such a time and be a part of such a movement is beyond the power of expression.

No one desirous of keeping up with events transpiring in this country can afford to do without the Chieftain for the next year. With its enlarged plant and splendid facilities for gathering and printing the news with references to events that are constantly transpiring, it is indispensable to those who have any desire to keep posted.

During the four months the Cherokee land office is to be open in Vinita will afford a golden opportunity for Vinita people to extend a cordial welcome to the thousands who will visit us. Let us warm up to the people who are to be with us, some a day or week and some perhaps to stay permanently.

There are a number of hats to day too small for the heads they once adorned, but all will get right by and by.

## BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT.

After many annoying delays in the shipment and delivery of new machinery, type and printing supplies, and a shortage in our editorial force, together with the rearrangement of the building for the enlargement of the Chieftain plant, we are pleased to announce today that we are ready, with greatly increased facilities, for not only handling the advertising, and printing the best newspaper in the northern district, but are now equipped for commercial printing and general job work better than ever before in the history of the paper. The plant has been enlarged to meet the increased demands made upon it and more than twelve hundred dollars worth of new machinery etc. has been added during the month of December, 1902. The mechanical department of the Chieftain is now in charge of Mr. Oscar Millholland, whom we regard as equal to the best of printers to be found anywhere, and in proof of this assertion we refer to the general make-up of the Daily and Weekly Chieftain and to the advertisements and job work turned out daily.

Our new Triumph Cottrell power press enables us to print more rapidly, and therefore take care of a larger volume of general business.

The Weekly has been enlarged to an eight page paper, in order to meet the demand for advertising space, and to enable us to print more news each week. This is our holiday greeting to the people of Vinita, and to our readers everywhere throughout the country.

Every now and then some Vinita man with less sense and less benevolence than money raises the hue and cry that the public school privileges should be measured out to the people in proportion to the taxes they pay, and that an imaginary wall should be built around the public schools of the town. It has been hinted at by some of these mole-eyed benefactors of humanity that the college could be helped by shutting the doors of the public school against as many children as possible. The narrowness of this view is as transparent as glass. Intelligence is certainly better than ignorance, and the public school is the great disseminator of intelligence. It should be the policy of the people of Vinita to get as many children into the public schools as possible. It is dangerous and un-American to measure the privileges of a child by the amount of taxes his parents pay in the particular locality in which they reside.

The "five per cent for the first million" contract made with the attorneys to collect the Cherokee claim at Washington by Chief Buffington is meeting with a storm of adverse criticism. Eleven hundred thousand dollars of the claim has been acknowledged by the government and is available. It is said to mean simply a rake off of fifty-five thousand dollars. But maybe the Secretary of the Interior will not recognize the attorneys.

It may be remarked with no degree of over-stating a thing that the year 1903 will open with an unusually fine outlook for Vinita and the Indian Territory at large. The season opens most auspiciously for this town. The year begins with the opening of a land office, and ushers in the beginning of allotment and individual title to land. An event that has been eagerly looked forward to for a quarter of a century.

Of one hundred and forty-five students who took entrance examinations at one of our universities, eighty-five misspelled twenty or more words out of a list of one hundred and fifty. This proportion of "bad spells" suggests that our secondary schools need more attention to matters primary.

The Standard Oil Company has increased the price of its product 3 1/2 cents a gallon since the beginning of the great coal strike in the east. Its dividends for 1902 have reached a total of 45 per cent. The beneficence of trusts needs no demonstration.

Isparacher is dead, and Geronimo is left alone in his greatness.

We have had a merry Christmas, now lets get ready for a happy New Year.

There is enough coming Vinita's way these days to make the average citizen vain.

President Roosevelt is a maker of epigrams. In his annual message he said, "In battle, the only shots that count are those that hit."

It has been well said that "prosperity makes a contented people." In prosperous times people are generally so busy that they have not time to get restless.

The thing that was good enough for Vinita a year ago would be a marvelous misfit now. The year just closing has been one of wonderful progress, but the one soon to be ushered in will be a greater.

Simultaneously with the cold snap comes reports of suffering in our city. The Vinita relief union received two urgent requests for aid yesterday one of which it was not able to relieve.

It now behooves every Cherokee citizen to have the correct numbers to the land he expects to file on as his allotment. Thus equipped he is ready to enter the land office and record his choice.

Mayor Parker should call his city council together and arrange to build a sidewalk from Wilson street to the land office, a distance of four blocks. This is a mere matter of business and should not be neglected.

During the first three months of 1903 the Chieftain expects to add at thousand new names to its subscription list. This is the mark it has set for itself and confidently expects to reach it. Ask your friends to join the procession.

When the citizenship cases before the Dawes commission are all determined, the Cherokee nation will owe a debt of gratitude to J. C. Starr who has been a tireless worker in hunting down and causing the rejection of fraudulent claimants.

Mayor Spalding of Muskogee has come out against single statehood. Spalding is a cattle baron of the Creek country and the chief land monopolist of that section. He has made his money grazing other people's land and of course don't want statehood with or without Oklahoma. Spalding represents Spalding and the grass interests of the Creek nation.

The mere filing upon an allotment will not constitute title by any means but the average Cherokee citizen will prize his home a little more highly after he has a certificate from the government that he is in possession of that which will eventually be his home—stead free from all incumbrances. It is the natural desire of every family to live upon its own land and under its own roof.

If Vinita has any interest whatever in the outcome of the great statehood struggle that is now on she should bestir herself to send a delegation to Oklahoma City next week. In these days reforms are most generally brought about by agitation and if we are ever to have a settled government and the privileges of statehood we must get into the fight and help bring it about. Nothing can be gained, but a great deal may be lost by a lack of aggressiveness on the part of Indian territory people at this time. Let a meeting be called and let it be well attended and a delegation selected to represent Vinita's views in the matter of statehood for Oklahoma and Indian territory. The people of Vinita are practically a unit in favor of single statehood and therefore should take the proper steps to aid in bringing it about as speedily as possible. Every town and village and hamlet in the Indian territory should speak out and let congress know that we as a people will never let up until we obtain in the end desired.

The Eutaw convention yesterday declared in favor of single statehood with Oklahoma and arranged for a large delegation to Oklahoma City next week.

As the roads are gradually drying up corn is again beginning to flow in to market. It is estimated that there is one-third of the entire crop of 1902 yet in the fields un-gathered.

A few Muskogee gentlemen attended the Claremore single statehood convention and wanted it expressly understood that they were only spectators. Now they are comfortably seated on the band wagon.

The increase of the capital stock of one of the banks of Vinita from \$50,000 to \$110,000 is only an incident in the wonderful expansion of business that is going forward in this country and in this town. There is no such thing as standing still. Every business must meet the conditions by enlargement or cease to exist.

About the only resolution the Chieftain cares to make for the new year that is dawning is that it will print the news impartially, make its collections promptly and pay its own bills the same way. If the good Lord will let us run this print shop just the way we want to we shall be content to let him run the rest of the world.

## JOIN THE CROWD.

The New Northwest is increasing from immigration, by 200,000 people yearly. This region offers a field for farmers, stock raisers, miners, lumbermen, millers, fruit growers, and all classes of labor. The Cody-Wyoming extension into the Big Horn Region offers a splendid opening for the live stock and wool business and for farming by irrigation.

The industrial expansion that is now the basis of wealth in the East, will be repeated in the Northwest. Give some thought toward a home in Nebraska or Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, North eastern Wyoming, Northern Idaho, Washington, the Puget Sound and Columbia River region.

## Northwest Train to Take.

"The Burlington-Northern Pacific Express" is the only through train into the Northwest territory in connection with the Northern Pacific Railroad. Through coaches, chair cars (seats free), through tourist sleepers over this short line and time saver to the Northwest. Connecting train from Denver to Alliance in connection with this great through train. You can reach the Northwest either via Kansas City, St. Joseph or Denver, by the Burlington Route.

## To the North.

The Burlington has two trains daily to St. Paul and Minneapolis, reaching the valuable territory of Minnesota and the Dakotas traversed by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroads. The Burlington is the main traveled road to the Northwest and North. Investigate the Northwest by addressing either the Industrial Departments of the Great Northern or Northern Pacific Railroads at St. Paul, or the undersigned.

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Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises; for use in such cases, Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1 at People's drug store. dw

## Boy's Life Saved From Membranous Croup.

O. W. Lynch, a prominent citizen of Winchester, Ind., writes, "My little boy had a severe attack of membranous croup, and only got relief after taking Foley's Honey and Tar. He got relief after one dose and I feel that it saved the life of my boy." Refuse substitutes. Sold by People's drug store. dw

If you feel ill and need a pill Why not purchase the best? DeWitt's Early Risers Are little surprises.

Take one—they do the rest. V. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., writes "I have used Little Early Risers Pills in my family for constipation, sick headache, etc. To their use I am indebted for the health of my family." A. W. Foreman dw

We wish you a Happy New Year France Hardware & Furniture Co.

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